to be commissioned by March, 2005 has been delayed due to unavoidable technical reasons.

These equipments are expected to be commissioned by 2nd quarter of 2005-06. Details are given below:-

The Status of BSNL projects and expected date of commissioning

Name of Project	No. of Lines	No. of Lines already commissioned	Balance No. of lines yet to Commissioned	Expected commissioning date
CDMA (Urban)	500000	164000	336000	30-June-05
CDMA (ZTE)	500000	495750	4250	30-June-05
Cor-dect	577000	565000	12000	30-June-05
MSC Based	1026250	84000	942250	30-Sep.-05

The MSC BASED CDMA equipments are in various stages of installation and testing in different telecom circles. The most of these Equipments will be commissioned progressively by second quarter of the current financial year.

Setting up of Rural Information Technology Network

3117. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is pending with Government regarding setting up of Rural Information Technology Network;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any problem has cropped in the first phase of the new projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (d) The Department of Information Technology received a proposal from Government of Uttranchal for setting up of 328 Community Information Centres (95 at the block level and 223 at the village level) in the State of Uttranchal. The estimated cost of the proposal is Rs. 85.6 crores over a period of four years. The proposal is under consideration.